

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Adele Shirey, et al.,
Plaintiffs,
v.
County of Riverside, et al.,
Defendants. } CASE NO. ED CV 25-1541-DMG (Ex)
} **SCHEDULING AND CASE
MANAGEMENT ORDER FOR JURY
TRIAL**
}

PLEASE READ THIS ORDER CAREFULLY. IT DIFFERS IN SOME RESPECTS FROM THE LOCAL RULES.

SEE THE LAST PAGE OF THIS ORDER FOR THE SCHEDULED DATES.

The term “Counsel,” as used in this Order, includes parties appearing *pro se*.

The Court has scheduled the dates set forth on the last page of this Order after review of the parties' Joint Scheduling Conference Report. Therefore, the Court deems a Scheduling Conference unnecessary and hereby vacates the hearing. Where possible, the Court has implemented the parties' suggested dates with some adjustments to better accommodate the Court's calendar and procedures. The dates and requirements set forth in this Order are firm. The Court is unlikely to grant continuances, even if stipulated by the parties, unless the parties establish good cause through a proper showing.

1 **I. JOINDER OF PARTIES/AMENDMENT OF PLEADINGS**

2 All motions to add parties or to amend the pleadings must be noticed to be
3 heard on or before the specified deadline in the attached schedule. All unserved
4 parties will be dismissed at the time of the pretrial conference pursuant to Local
5 Rule 16-8.1.

6 **II. DISCOVERY AND DISCOVERY CUT-OFF**

7 **A. Non-Expert Discovery**

8 All non-expert discovery shall be completed by the non-expert discovery
9 cut-off date. **THIS IS NOT THE DATE BY WHICH DISCOVERY**
10 **REQUESTS OR DISCOVERY MOTIONS MUST BE FILED AND**
11 **SERVED; IT IS THE DATE BY WHICH ALL DISCOVERY, INCLUDING**
12 **ALL HEARINGS ON ANY RELATED MOTIONS, IS TO BE**
13 **COMPLETED.** In an effort to provide further guidance to the parties, the Court
14 notes the following:

15 1. Depositions. All depositions shall be scheduled to commence
16 sufficiently in advance of the discovery cut-off date to permit their completion and
17 to permit the deposing party enough time to bring any discovery motions
18 concerning the deposition prior to the cut-off date. Given the requirements of
19 notice and "meet and confer," that means that in most cases a planned motion to
20 compel would have to be discussed with opposing counsel approximately six
21 weeks before the cut-off.

22 2. Written Discovery. All interrogatories, requests for production of
23 documents, and requests for admissions shall be served sufficiently in advance of
24 the discovery cutoff date to permit the discovering party enough time to challenge
25 (via motion practice) responses deemed to be deficient.

26 3. Discovery Motions. Whenever possible, the Court expects the parties
27 to resolve discovery problems among themselves in a courteous, reasonable, and
28 professional manner. If they do so, resort to the Court for guidance in discovery is

1 seldom necessary. Any motion challenging the adequacy of responses to
2 discovery must be filed, served and calendared sufficiently in advance of the
3 discovery cut-off date to permit the responses to be obtained before that date, if
4 the motion is granted.

5 **B. Expert Discovery**

6 All disclosures must be made in writing. The parties should begin expert
7 discovery shortly after the initial designation of experts. The final pretrial
8 conference and trial dates will not be continued merely because expert discovery is
9 not completed. Failure to comply with these or any other orders concerning expert
10 discovery may result in the expert being excluded as a witness.

11 **III. MOTIONS AND MOTION CUT-OFF**

12 The Court has established a cut-off date for the filing and service of motions
13 for the Court's law and motion calendar. Counsel should consult the Court's
14 Standing Order, provided at the commencement of this action, to determine the
15 Court's requirements concerning motions. Counsel also may consult the Court's
16 website at www.cacd.uscourts.gov>Judges' Procedures and Schedules>Hon. Dolly
17 M. Gee for further information regarding motion procedures.

18 **IV. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES**

19 A settlement procedure must be identified in every case pursuant to General
20 Order 11-10, § 5.1 and Local Rule 16-15 *et seq.* If counsel have received a Notice
21 to Parties of Court-Directed ADR Program (ADR-08), the case will be
22 presumptively referred to the Court Mediation Panel or to private mediation,
23 unless the parties specify otherwise. *See* General Order 11-10, § 5.1. Counsel
24 must complete a settlement conference no later than the date set by the Court at the
25 scheduling conference. Not to the exclusion of other procedures, the available
26 alternatives include:

27 (1) a settlement conference before the magistrate judge assigned to
28 the case;
29 (2) a settlement conference or mediation before

1 an attorney selected from the Attorney
2 Settlement Panel;

3 (3) the employment (at the parties' expense) of
4 a private judge, mediator, or arbitrator.

5 The Court will consider holding a settlement conference at the request of
6 the parties in jury trial cases, provided that (a) the parties are satisfied that the fact
7 issues in the case will be tried by a jury; (b) all significant pre-trial rulings which
8 the Court must make have been made; and (c) the parties desire Judge Gee to
9 conduct the conference, understanding that if settlement fails, she will preside over
10 trial of the case.

11 The parties must file a Status Report regarding settlement at the time they
12 lodge the proposed final pretrial conference order. This Report shall not disclose
13 the parties' settlement positions, i.e., the terms of any offers or demands. It shall
14 merely describe the efforts made by the parties to resolve the dispute informally,
15 i.e., the occasions and dates when the parties participated in mediation or
16 settlement conferences. The Status Report shall also include the name of the
17 Settlement Officer who assisted the parties with their settlement conference.

18 No case will proceed to trial unless all parties, including the principals of all
19 corporate parties, have appeared personally at a settlement conference.

20 **V. FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE**

21 A. A final pretrial conference date has been set pursuant to Rule 16 of
22 the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rule 16-8. Unless excused for
23 good cause, each party appearing in this action shall be represented at the final
24 pretrial conference by the attorney who is to serve as lead trial counsel. Counsel
25 should be prepared to discuss streamlining the trial, including presentation of
26 testimony by deposition excerpts or summaries, time limits, stipulations as to
undisputed facts, and qualification of experts by admitted resumes.

27 **B. Local Rule 16 Filings**

28 Carefully prepared memoranda of contentions of fact and law, witness lists,

1 joint exhibit list, and a proposed final pretrial conference order shall be submitted
2 in accordance with the Local Rules, and the format of the proposed final pretrial
3 conference order shall conform to the format set forth in Appendix A to the Local
4 Rules. Failure of these documents to comply with these requirements may result
5 in the final pretrial conference being taken off-calendar or continued, or in other
6 sanctions.

7 **C. Joint Trial Witness Time Estimate Form**

8 The parties will prepare a Joint Trial Witness Time Estimate form in
9 substantially the format as the sample at "Attachment A" herein.

10 **D. Pretrial Exhibit Stipulation**

11 The parties shall prepare a pretrial exhibit stipulation that shall
12 contain each party's numbered list of all trial exhibits, with objections, if any, to
13 each exhibit including the basis of the objection and the offering party's brief
14 response. **All exhibits to which there is no objection shall be deemed admitted,**
provided that the exhibit is offered as evidence at trial either through a
relevant witness or pursuant to the parties' written stipulation for admission
of the exhibit without witness testimony. The parties shall stipulate to the
15 authenticity and foundation of exhibits whenever possible, and the pretrial exhibit
16 stipulation shall identify any exhibits to which authenticity and/or foundation have
17 not been stipulated and the specific reasons for the parties' failure to stipulate.

18 The pretrial exhibit stipulation shall be substantially in the following form:

19 **Pretrial Exhibit Stipulation**

20 **Plaintiff(s)'/Defendant(s)' Exhibits**

21 **Exhibit No.** **Description** **If Objection, State Grounds** **Response to Objection**

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26 The pretrial exhibit stipulation shall be filed at the same time counsel lodge the
27 proposed pretrial conference order. Failure to comply with this paragraph could be
28 deemed to constitute a waiver of all objections. **Do not submit** blanket or boilerplate

1 objections to the opposing party's exhibits. These will be disregarded and overruled.

2 **E. Proposed Final Pretrial Conference Order**

3 The form of the proposed final pretrial conference order shall comply with
4 Appendix A to the Local Rules. In drafting the proposed final pretrial conference
5 order, the Court expects that the parties will attempt to agree on and set forth as
6 many non-contested facts as possible. The Court will usually read the uncontested
7 facts to the jury at the start of trial. A carefully drafted and comprehensively
8 stated stipulation of facts will reduce the length of trial and increase jury
9 understanding of the case. In specifying the claims and defenses under Section 7
10 of the proposed final pretrial conference order, each party shall closely follow the
11 examples set forth in Appendix A of the Local Rules. As those examples
12 demonstrate, the parties should attempt to state issues in terms of the elements of
13 the claims or defenses (ultimate facts), not in the form of evidentiary fact issues.
14 The elements to most claims and defenses can be found in the model jury
15 instructions. Counsel are reminded that the purpose of this section is to focus and
16 clarify the issues to be presented at trial, not to provide legal arguments in support
17 of each side's respective positions. Legal arguments may be presented in the
18 parties' memoranda of contentions of fact and law.

19 **F. Agreed Statement of the Case**

20 The parties shall jointly prepare an objective, non-argumentative statement
21 of the case which the Court shall read to all prospective jurors at the beginning of
22 voir dire. The statement usually should not be longer than one or two paragraphs.

23 **G. Due Dates**

24 The memoranda of contentions of fact and law, witness lists, joint exhibit
25 list, pretrial exhibit stipulation, joint trial witness time estimate form, and
26 proposed final pretrial conference order are due not later than twenty-one (21)
27 days before the final pretrial conference, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.
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1 **H. Other Documents**

2 Other documents to be filed in preparation for, and issues to be addressed at,
3 the final pretrial conference are discussed below.

4 **VI. ADDITIONAL TRIAL PREPARATION**

5 **A. Motions *In Limine***

6 All motions *in limine* must be filed at least twenty-one (21) days before the
7 final pretrial conference. Each motion should be separately filed and numbered
8 sequentially. Counsel are to meet and confer with opposing counsel to determine
9 whether opposing counsel intends to introduce the disputed evidence, and to
10 attempt to reach an agreement that would obviate the motion. Opposition must be
11 filed fourteen days before the final pretrial conference. Reply briefs will not be
12 accepted without leave of the Court. The Court generally will rule on motions *in*
13 *limine* at the final pretrial conference. Motions *in limine* should address specific
14 issues (i.e., *not* “to exclude all hearsay,” etc.). Motions *in limine* should not be
15 disguised motions for summary adjudication of issues.

16 The Court limits the number of *in limine* motions which a party or group of
17 affiliated parties may file to **four**, not including (1) any *in limine* motion which
18 seeks an exclusionary sanction under Rule 37(c)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil
19 Procedure and (2) any *in limine* motion which invokes the Court’s power under
20 Rule 702 of the Federal Rules of Evidence and *Daubert v. Merrell Dow*
21 *Pharmaceuticals*, 509 U.S. 579, 597 (1993), to exclude or limit expert testimony.
22 Motions made on the latter two grounds shall prominently state the basis for the
23 motion in the title of the motion on the caption page. Any party desiring to tender
24 any other *in limine* motions beyond those permitted above shall file an *ex parte*
25 application no later than **seven days** prior to the due date for such motions,
26 attaching the proposed motion and making a showing why it is imperative that the
27 issue be dealt with by a motion *in limine*.

1 **B. Jury Instructions, Special Verdict Forms, Voir Dire, Jury**
2 **Selection**

3 1. Fourteen (14) days before the meeting of counsel required by Local
4 Rule 16-2, plaintiff shall serve plaintiff's proposed jury instructions and special
5 verdict forms, and defendant shall serve defendant's proposed jury instructions
6 and special verdict forms as to any affirmative defenses, counterclaims, etc.
7 Within ten (10) days, each shall serve objections to the other's instructions and
8 verdict forms. Before or at the Rule 16-2 meeting, counsel are ordered to meet
9 and confer and attempt to come to agreement on the proposed jury instructions and
10 verdict forms.

11 2. When the *Manual of Model Jury Instructions for the Ninth Circuit*
12 provides an applicable jury instruction, the parties should submit the most recent
13 version, modified and supplemented to fit the circumstances of this case. Where
14 language appears in brackets, the appropriate language should be selected. All
15 blanks should be completed. Where California law applies, counsel should use the
16 current edition of *California Jury Instructions - Civil* ("CACI"). If neither of
17 these model instructions is applicable, counsel should consult the current edition
18 of O'Malley, et al., *Federal Jury Practice and Instructions*. Each requested
19 instruction shall (a) cite the authority or source of the instruction, (b) be set forth
20 in full, (c) be on a separate page, (d) be numbered, (e) cover only one subject or
21 principle of law, and (f) not repeat principles of law contained in any other
22 requested instruction.

23 Counsel may submit alternatives to these instructions only if counsel has a
24 reasoned argument that they do not properly state the law or they are incomplete.

25 As the Court uses the following standard preliminary instructions, the
26 parties need not submit them (unless they wish to request that the Court deviate
27 from them or to fill in substantive information such as in the "Claims and
28 Defenses" instruction): 1.1B (Duty of Jury), 1.2 (Claims and Defenses), 1.3

1 (Burden of Proof - Preponderance of the Evidence); 1.5 (Two or More Parties -
2 Different Legal Rights); 1.6 (What is Evidence); 1.7 (What is Not Evidence); 1.8
3 (Evidence for Limited Purpose); 1.9 (Direct and Circumstantial Evidence); 2.11
4 (Expert Opinion); 1.10 (Ruling on Objections); 1.11 (Credibility of Witnesses);
5 1.12 (Conduct of the Jury); 1.13 (No Transcript Available to Jury); 1.14 (Taking
6 Notes); 1.18 (Bench Conferences and Recesses); and 1.19 (Outline of Trial).

7 3. At the time of filing the proposed final pretrial conference order,
8 counsel shall file with the Court a JOINT set of jury instructions on which there is
9 agreement. All blanks in standard forms should be filled in. The Court expects
10 counsel to agree on the substantial majority of jury instructions, particularly when
11 pattern or model instructions provide a statement of applicable law. If one party
12 fails to comply with the provisions of this section, the other party must file a
13 unilateral set of jury instructions, unless that party wishes to waive jury trial.

14 4. At the same time, each party shall file its proposed jury instructions
15 that are objected to by any other party. Each disputed instruction must have
16 attached a short (one or two paragraph) statement, including points and authorities
17 in support of the instruction as well as a brief (one or two paragraph) statement,
18 including points and authorities, in support of any objections. A proposed
19 alternative instruction must be provided, if applicable. If the Court believes that
20 there are so many disputed instructions that the trial would be unnecessarily
21 interrupted in order for the Court to resolve disputes, the Court may determine that
22 the matter is not yet ready to be tried, and may order counsel to continue to meet
23 and confer until most of the disputes are resolved.

24 5. Counsel must email the documents described in paragraphs 3 and 4 in
25 Word or WordPerfect 9 (or above) format to dmg_chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov at
26 the time they file their proposed jury instructions.

27 6. The Court will send one or more copies of the instructions into the
28 jury room for the jury's use during deliberations. Therefore, in addition to the

1 copies described above, the disk must contain a “clean” set of jury instructions,
2 containing only the text of the instruction (one per page) with the caption
3 “Instruction No. __” at the top (eliminating titles, supporting authority, etc.).

4 7. Counsel must provide an index of all instructions submitted, which
5 must include the following:

6 a. The number of the instruction;
7 b. The title of the instruction;
8 c. the source of the instruction and any relevant case citations;
9 d. The page number of the instruction.

10 For example:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Page</u>
1	Trademark - Defined (15 U.S.C. § 1127)	9th Cir. 15.3.2	7

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15 8. **FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE PRECEDING PROVISIONS OF**
16 **THIS SECTION WILL SUBJECT THE NON-COMPLYING PARTY**
17 **AND/OR ATTORNEY TO SANCTIONS AND WILL BE DEEMED TO**
18 **CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL.**

19 9. During the trial and before argument, the Court will meet with
20 counsel and settle the instructions, and counsel will have an opportunity to make a
21 further record concerning their objections.

22 10. At the time of filing the proposed final pretrial conference order,
23 counsel should file a jointly prepared one or two page statement of the case to be
24 read by the Court to the prospective panel of jurors before commencement of voir
25 dire.

26 11. The Court will conduct the voir dire. The Court provides a list of
27 basic questions, and may provide a list of additional questions to jurors before voir
28 dire. (This is not a questionnaire to be completed by jurors.) Counsel may, but are

1 not required to, submit a list of proposed case-specific voir dire questions at the
2 time they file the proposed final pretrial conference order.

3 12. Generally, the Court will select seven or eight jurors. Each side will
4 have three peremptory challenges. If fourteen jurors are seated in the box and all
5 six peremptories are exercised, the remaining eight jurors will constitute the jury
6 panel. If fewer than six peremptories are exercised, the eight jurors in the lowest
7 numbered seats will be the jury. The Court will not necessarily accept a
8 stipulation to a challenge for cause. If one or more challenges for cause are
9 accepted, and all six peremptories are exercised, the Court may decide to proceed
10 with six or seven jurors.

11 **C. Trial Exhibits**

12 1. Counsel are to prepare their exhibits for presentation at the trial by
13 placing them in tabbed binders indexed by exhibit number with exhibit tags placed
14 consistently on the top or bottom right corner. Digital exhibit tags are available on
15 the Court's website under Court Forms > General Forms > Form G-14A (plaintiff)
16 and G-14B (defendant). Digital exhibit tags may be used in place of the tags
17 obtained from the Clerk's Office. Counsel shall submit to the Court an original
18 and one copy of the binder. The exhibits shall be in three-ring binders labeled on
19 the spine portion of the binder as to the volume number and contain an index of
20 each exhibit included in the volume. Exhibits must be numbered in accordance
21 with Local Rule 16-6.

22 2. The Court requires that the following be submitted to the courtroom
23 deputy clerk on the first day of trial:

24 a. One binder of original exhibits with the Court's exhibit tags
25 affixed to the front of the exhibit on the upper or lower right-hand corner with the
26 case number, case name, and exhibit number placed on each tag.

27 b. One binder with a copy of each exhibit tabbed with exhibit
28 numbers as described above for use by the Court.

c. Three copies of joint exhibit list. See ¶ 14(b) of Judge Gee's Procedures and Schedules on the Central District of California's website for a sample format for the joint exhibit list.

d. Three copies of witness lists in the order in which the witnesses expect to be called to testify.

3. Where a significant number of exhibits will be admitted, the Court encourages counsel, preferably by agreement, to consider ways in which testimony about exhibits may be made intelligible to the jury while it is being presented. Counsel may consider such devices as overhead projectors, jury notebooks for admitted exhibits, or enlargements of important exhibits. The Court has an Elmo and other equipment available for use during trial. Contact the IT Help Desk at 213-894-3061 if you wish to arrange training on the Court's Audio Visual Equipment. The Court does not permit exhibits to be "published" by passing them up and down the jury box. Exhibits may be displayed using the screen in the courtroom, only if the process does not become too time-consuming.

D. Jury Trial

On the first day of trial, court will commence at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at approximately 4:00 p.m. On the first day of trial counsel must appear at 8:30 a.m. to discuss preliminary matters with the Court. The jury panel will be called when the Court is satisfied that the matter is ready for trial. Except in rare situations, jury selection usually takes only a couple of hours. Counsel should be prepared to proceed with opening statements and witness examination immediately after jury selection. After the first day of trial, trial days continue every day from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m. with two fifteen-minute breaks and a 75-minute lunch break, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

VII. CONDUCT OF ATTORNEYS AND PARTIES

A. Opening Statements, Examining Witnesses, and Summation

1. Counsel must use the lectern for opening statements, examination of

1 witnesses, and summation.

2 2. Counsel must not consume time by writing out words, drawing charts
3 or diagrams, etc. Counsel may do so in advance and explain that the item was
4 prepared earlier as ordered by the Court to save time.

5 3. The Court will honor (and may establish) reasonable time estimates
6 for opening and closing arguments, examination of witnesses, etc.

7 **B. Objections To Questions**

8 1. Counsel must not use objections for the purpose of making a speech,
9 recapitulating testimony, or attempting to guide the witness.

10 2. When objecting, counsel must rise to state the objection and state
11 only that counsel objects and the concise legal ground of objection. If counsel
12 wishes to argue an objection further, counsel must ask for permission to do so.

13 **C. General Decorum**

14 1. Counsel should not approach the witness box without specific
15 permission. Counsel should not question a witness at the witness stand.

16 2. Counsel should rise when addressing the Court, and when the jury
17 enters or leaves the courtroom.

18 3. Any request for the re-reading of questions or answers shall be
19 addressed to the Court. Such requests should be limited.

20 4. Counsel should not talk to jurors at all, and should not talk to co-
21 counsel, opposing counsel, witnesses or clients where the conversation can be
22 overheard by jurors. Each counsel should admonish counsel's own clients and
23 witnesses to avoid such conduct.

24 5. Where a party has more than one lawyer, only one may conduct the
25 direct or cross-examination of a particular witness, or make objections as to that
26 witness.

27 **D. Promptness of Counsel and Witnesses**

28 1. The Court makes every effort to begin proceedings at the time set.

1 Promptness is expected from counsel and witnesses. The Court will not delay the
2 trial or inconvenience jurors except under extraordinary circumstances.

3 2. If a witness was on the stand at a recess, counsel must have the
4 witness back on the stand, ready to proceed, when the court session resumes.

5 3. Counsel must notify the courtroom deputy clerk in advance if any
6 witness should be accommodated based on a disability or for other reasons.

7 4. Counsel should coordinate the scheduling of witnesses so that there is
8 no delay in the calling of witnesses to the stand.

9 5. The Court attempts to cooperate with professional witnesses and will,
10 except in extraordinary circumstances, accommodate them by permitting them to
11 be called out of sequence. Counsel must anticipate any such possibility and
12 discuss it with opposing counsel. If there is an objection, counsel must confer
13 with the Court in advance.

14 **E. Exhibits**

15 1. Each counsel should maintain counsel's own list of exhibits and
16 should note when each has been admitted into evidence (if not already admitted
17 pursuant to the pretrial exhibit stipulation).

18 2. Each counsel is responsible for any exhibits that counsel secures from
19 the courtroom deputy clerk and must return them before leaving the courtroom at
20 the end of the session.

21 3. An exhibit not previously marked should, at the time of its first
22 mention, be accompanied by a request that the courtroom deputy clerk mark it for
23 identification. To save time, counsel must show a new exhibit to opposing
24 counsel before it is mentioned in Court.

25 4. Counsel are to advise the courtroom deputy clerk of any agreements
26 they have with respect to the proposed exhibits and as to those exhibits that may
27 be received so that no further motion to admit need be made.

28 5. When referring to an exhibit, counsel should refer to its exhibit

1 number whenever possible. Witnesses should be asked to do the same.

2 6. If counsel wishes to question a witness in connection with graphic
3 aids, the material must be fully prepared before the court session starts.

4 **F. Depositions**

5 1. All depositions to be used at trial, either as evidence or for
6 impeachment, must be lodged with the courtroom deputy clerk on the first day of
7 trial or such earlier date as the Court may order. Counsel should verify with the
8 clerk that the relevant deposition is in the clerk's possession.

9 2. In using depositions of an adverse party for impeachment, either one
10 of the following procedures may be adopted:

11 a. If counsel wishes to read the questions and answers as alleged
12 impeachment and ask the witness no further questions on that subject, counsel
13 shall first state the page and line where the reading begins and the page and line
14 where the reading ends, and allow time for any objection. Counsel may then read
15 the portions of the deposition into the record.

16 b. If counsel wishes to ask the witness further questions on the
17 subject matter, the deposition shall be placed in front of the witness and the
18 witness is told to read silently the pages and lines involved. Then counsel may
19 either ask the witness further questions on the matter and thereafter read the
20 quotations, or read the quotations and thereafter ask further questions. Counsel
21 should have an extra copy of the deposition for this purpose.

22 3. Where a witness is absent and the witness's testimony is offered by
23 deposition, counsel may (a) have a reader occupy the witness chair and read the
24 testimony of the witness while the examining lawyer asks the questions, or (b)
25 have counsel read both the questions and answers.

26 **G. Advance Notice of Unusual or Difficult Issues**

27 28 If any counsel has reason to anticipate that a difficult question of law or
evidence will necessitate legal argument requiring research or briefing, counsel

1 must give the Court advance notice. Counsel are directed to notify the courtroom
2 deputy clerk at the day's adjournment if an unexpected legal issue arises that could
3 not have been foreseen and addressed by a motion *in limine*. *See* Fed. R. Evid.
4 103. Counsel must also advise the clerk at the end of each trial day of any issues
5 that must be addressed outside the presence of the jury, so that there is no
6 interruption of the trial. The Court will not keep jurors waiting.

7 The Court appreciates counsel's anticipated cooperation and compliance
8 with this Order.

9 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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11 DATED: September 5, 2025

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13 DOLLY M. GEE
14 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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ATTACHMENT A

JOINT TRIAL WITNESS TIME ESTIMATE FORM

Case No. and Title: _____

Trial Date: _____

No.	Witness			
1.	[INSERT WITNESS NAME]			
	Direct Examiner:	[insert party name]	Direct Exam Time Est.:	:
	Cross Examiner:	[insert party name]	Cross Exam Time Est.:	:
	Brief Description of Testimony:			
2.	[INSERT WITNESS NAME]			
	Direct Examiner:	[insert party name]	Direct Exam Time Est.:	:
	Cross Examiner:	[insert party name]	Cross Exam Time Est.:	:
	Brief Description of Testimony:			
3.	[INSERT WITNESS NAME]			
	Direct Examiner:	[insert party name]	Direct Exam Time Est.:	:
	Cross Examiner:	[insert party name]	Cross Exam Time Est.:	:
	Brief Description of Testimony:			

(1) List witnesses (last name first); (2) For description, be extremely brief, e.g., "eyewitness to accident" or "expert on standard of care"; (3) Use estimates within fractions of an hour, rounded off to closest quarter of an hour, e.g., if you estimate 20 minutes, make it .25. An estimate of one and one-half hours would be 1.5. An estimate of three-quarters of an hour would be .75; (4) Note special factors in "Comments" column, e.g., "Needs interpreter"; (5) Entries may be in handwriting if very neat and legible.

Judge Dolly M. Gee

SCHEDULE OF PRETRIAL & TRIAL DATES (JURY TRIAL)

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MATTER	COURT ORDERED DATE	TIME
TRIAL [] Court [x] Jury Duration Estimate: 5-7 days	8-4-26 (Tuesday)	8:30 a.m.
FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE (FPTC) 4 wks before trial	7-7-26 (Tuesday)	2:00 p.m.

MATTER	COURT ORDERED DATE
Amended Pleadings and Addition of Parties Cut-Off (by stip or motion, and includes hearing of motions to amend)	11-28-25
Non-Expert Discovery Cut-Off (includes hearing of discovery motions)	3-31-26
Motion Cut-Off (filing deadline) Last hearing date for dispositive motions	4-10-26 5-15-26
Initial Expert Disclosure & Report Deadline	4-14-26
Rebuttal Expert Disclosure & Report Deadline	4-28-26
Expert Discovery Cut-Off (includes hearing of discovery motions)	5-5-26
Settlement Conference Completion Date	6-9-26
Joint Status Report re Settlement	6-16-26
Motions in Limine Filing Deadline	6-16-26
Opposition to Motion in Limine Filing Deadline	6-23-26
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